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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BR

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO'S CALL ON THE SECRETARY

1. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH SILVEIRA'S REACTION TO YOUR DEMARCHE AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING HIS ADDITIONAL VIEWS. GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT REPORT.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP HERE THIS MORNING (JANUARY 27), THE SECRETARY TOLD AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO, WHO HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF YOUR MEETING FROM ITAMARATY, THAT IT WAS HIS STRONG CONVICTION THAT WE MUST PLACE GREAT EMPHASIS ON STRENGTHENING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT WE MUST CONSULT ACROSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF COMMON PROBLEMS. WE MIGHT START, HE SAID, WITH SOME OF  
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THE SUB-GROUPS ALREADY IN BEING. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT SILVEIRA HAD BEEN TOLD THE US IS PREPARED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO BRAZIL TO EXCHANGE PERSPECTIVES ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE.

3. THE SECRETARY THEN REPORTED THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAD CONVEYED TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT THE PRESIDENT'S

DEEP CONCERN WITH THE PROLIFERATION PROBLEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID, THE US WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH BRAZIL THE WHOLE RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES FOR MEETING

BRAZIL'S ENERGY NEEDS, INCLUDING A GUARANTEE OF NUCLEAR FUEL, SO THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR REPROCESSING OR ENRICHMENT FACILITIES. FINALLY THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT THIS GENERAL CONCERN OF THE US GOVERNMENT WAS GLOBAL AND IN NO WAY DIRECTED AT BRAZIL.

4. PINHEIRO RESPONDED WITH A STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION FOR THIS EARLY INITIATIVE TO RESUME THE BILATERAL DIALOGUE AND WELCOMED THE IMPORTANCE BEING ATTACHED TO US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS, AN IMPORTANCE RECIPROCATED BY BRAZIL, WHICH TAKES PRIDE IN BEING A FRIEND AND ALLY OF THE US. WHILE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES, HE CONTINUED, ON SOME ISSUES, THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH REGARD TO PROLIFERATION. BRAZIL IS EQUALLY CONCERNED OVER THIS PROBLEM - WITNESS ITS SIGNING OF SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENTS COVERING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRG; THEY GO BEYOND NPT. SIMILARLY BRAZIL HAS SIGNED THE TREATY OF TLA TELLOCO. BUT BRAZIL BELIEVES THE PROLIFERATION PROBLEM MUST BE ADDRESSED IN TERMS OF THE COUNTRIES WHO ALREADY HAVE THE PERTINENT TECHNOLOGY AS WELLAS THOSE WHO DO NOT.IT WAS IN PROTEST AGAINST VERTICAL PROLIFERATION THAT BRAZIL HAS REFUSED TO SIGN THE NPT.

5. PINHEIRO THEN ASSERTED THAT BRAZIL COULD NOT PERMIT ITS SOURCES OF ESSENTIAL ENERGY TO BE CONTROLLED EVEN BY CONFIDENTIAL

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FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE US. POLITICAL WINDS CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE THE US IS NOW CONDITIONING ITS APPROVAL OF LOANS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE. HE HOPED THE US WOULD TRY TO UNDERSTAND BRAZIL'S POINT OF VIEW AS WELL IN CONSIDERING THE NUCLEAR PROBLEM. IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID, BRAZIL WILL BE HAPPY TO EXPLORE ALL AREAS OF MUTUAL CONCERN IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND ORDER. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO MUTUAL COOPERATION TO THIS END.

6. THE SECRETARY THEN TOLD PINHEIRO THAT HE HAD DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VISIT BY SAYING HE HAD ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO COME IN TO TALK ABOUT THE BROAD RANGE OF COMMON INTERESTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND HOW WE MIGHT APPROACH THESE MUTUAL INTERESTS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. IF THE PRESS ASKED WHETHER NUCLEAR ISSUES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IT WOULD BE AFFIRMED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE TOPICS THAT AROSE.

7. THE CONVERSATION WAS CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY THROUGH-  
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